Affairs of National Book Trust of India

†2666. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the higher officials of the National Book Trust of India travel abroad frequently in the name of 'Book Fairs';

(b) if not, the details of the foreign tour of the officials during the last three years, year-wise alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon and the achievements made therefrom; and

(c) the target of the National Book Trust of India during the current year particularly in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b)As per the mandate given to the National Book Trust, India (NBT), the promotion of Indian books both within the country and overseas is one of the primary objects of the NBT. To promote Indian books and authorship abroad, NBT participates in select International Book Fairs. Since NBT participats on behalf of the country, the representation is kept at an appropriate level and as such senior officials of NBT are deputed to these fairs.

The year-wise details of foreign tour of NBT officials during the last three years is given in the Statement *(See* below).

The achievements made as a consequence of the participation in International Book Fairs can not be quantified as NBT does not sell books at these fairs. However, there are other benefits to be derived as participation in these fairs gives opportunities to showcase the country's strength in the field of book publishing in various disciplines like Science and Technology, Information Technology and medicine.

(c) The NBT provides books at the people through mobile exhibitions throughout the country, during 2005-06, the NBT proposes to organize around 1700 mobile exhibitions throughout the country.

The NBT proposes to organise one such exhibition in 14 districts of Madhya Pradesh during July to December, 2005 *viz* Dhar, Barwani, West Nimar, East Nimar, Harda, Betul, Chhindwara, Seoni, Mandla, Balaghat, Dindori, Shahdol, Bandhavgarh and Sidhi, This is in addition to such

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exhibitions held in six districts *viz.* Neemuch, Mandsaur, Ratlam, Jhabua, Ujjain and Dewas in March, 2005.

Statement

Year-wise expenditure on the deputation of NBT officers during the years 2002-03 to 2004-05

SI. No.	Event	Officer(s) Deputed	Expenditure (Rs.)
2002-2003			
1	9th Beijing International Book Fair 24-28 May, 2002	Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra, Chairman	1,31.308.00
2	Exhibition of Indian Books, London 24 May to 1 June, 2002	Dr. Varsha Das	1,59,783.00
3	Colombo International Book Fair 10-15 Sept., 2002	Shri N.S. Rajendra, RM (SRO)	50,005.00
4	54th Frankfurt Book Fair 9-14 Oct., 2002	Shri R Rajpal, DD (Dxh)	2,31,708.00
2003-2004			
1	Bologna Children's Book Fair 2-5 April, 2003	Shri T.S. Kripanidhi, Director	101,721.00
2	Nigeria International Book Fair 8-12 May, 2003	Shri R. Rajpal, DD (Exh)	1,19,758.00
3	Exhibition of Books in Hindi, Paramaribo, on the occasion of World Hindi Conference 5-9 June, 2003	Shri Anil Khanna, Supdt. (Exh)	1,45,004.00
4	Jerusalem International Book Fair 23-27 June, 2003	Shri K. Guravaiah, Asstt. Editor	1.39,483.00
5	Exhibition of Indian Books in London 14-19 July, 2003	Shri B.K. Sharma, Chairman Shri Subir Dutta,DD(C&F) Shri Anand Bhushan, FIP Shri Shakti Malik, FIP	7,33,597.00
6	Zimbabwe International Book Fair 28 July to 2 Aug., 2003	Shri Vijay Pal, Asstt. Director (Exh)	1,51,043.00
7	Exhibition of Indian Books during 27th Congress of IPA, Berlin 3-6 August, 2003	Shri B.K. Sharma, Chairman Shri N.S. Randhawa, JD (A&F)	3,57,347.00
8	Beijing International Book Fair 17-21 September, 2003	Shri B.K. Sharma, Chairman	2,64,257.00

SI. No. Event	Officer(s) Deputed	Expenditure (Rs.)
9. Colombo International Book Fair 15-21 September, 2003	Shri N.S. Rajendra, RM (SRO)	42,412.00
10, Frankfurt Book Fair 8-13 October, 2003	Shri B.K. Sharma, Chairman Shri S.S. Sharma, Director Shri R. Rajpal, DD (Exh)	10,28,735.00
11. Exhibition of Children's Books from India, Singapore 13-16 November, 2003	Shri Satish Kumar, JD(P)	89,056.00
12. Exhibition of Indian Books Mauritius 2-6 February, 2004	Shri B.K. Sharma, Chairman Shri R Rajpal, DD (Exh), Dr. Baldev Singh, CE&JD Shri Shakti Malik, FIP and Shri Anand Bhushan, FIP	4,61,401.00
13. Bangkok International Book Fair 26 March to 6 April, 2004	Shri B.K. Sharma, Chairman Smt. Jayanti Malhotra, AD (NRO)	2,01,314.00
2004-05		
1. Bologna Children's Book Fair 14-17 April, 2004 Sh.	Sh. S. S. Sharma, Director Ashok Gosain, Member, FIP	3,30,722.00
2.11th Tokyo International Book Fair 22-25 April, 2004	Sh. Syed Haider M, Rizvi, Manager (S&M)	1,38,643.00
3.11th International Book Festival Budapest 22-25 April, 2004	Sh. S.S. Sharma, Director	1,54,241.00
4. Kuala Lumpur International Book Fair 21-30 May, 2004	Sh. N.S. Randhawa, JD (A&F)	1,20,777.00
5.8th Nepal Education and Book Fair, Kathmandu 22-30 May, 2004	Sh. B.S. Bharti, AD (Sales Cord.) and Sh. Anil Khanna, Supdt. (Exh)	63,594.00
6. Book Expo America 4-6 June, 2004	Sh. S.S. Sharma, Director	2,80,829.00
7. Seoul International book Fair 4-9 June, 2004	Sh. D.C. Koli, DD (Estt)	1,51,177.00
8. Beijing International Book Fair 2-6 Sept., 2004	Prof. Bipan Chandra, Chairman Sh. S.S. Sharma, Director	2,55,935.00
9. Frankfurt Book Fair 6-11 October, 2004	Sh. R. Rajpal, DD (Exh)	3,36,218.00
10.Lahore Book Fair 3-7 March, 2005	Delegation led by Prof. Bipan Chandra, Chairman, NBT Ms Nuzhat Hassan Director Shri R Rajpal, DD (Exh)	4,13,227.00

SI. No.	Event	Officer(s) Deputed	Expenditure (Rs.)
		Prof. Kamla Prasad, Writer Prof. Ali Javed-do-Prof. J.P. Sharma -do-Shri Anand Bhushan, FIP Shri Shakti Malik, FIP Shri Sukumar Das, CAPEXIL Shri S. C. Sethi, FPBAI	
11.	Leipzig, Berlin, Frankfurt for preparatory meetings in connections with India's Guest of Honour Presentation at Frankfurt Book Fair 2006	Ms Nuzhat Hassan, Director Shri N. S. Randhawa, JD (A&F)	4,29,795.00

Illiteracy in the Country

2667. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the illiteracy in the country as on the 31st March, 2005, State-wise;

(b) the details of the amount sanctioned, allotted and released to the voluntary agencies functioning in different parts of the country for undertaking literacy projects;

(c) the extent to which these agencies have been successful in combating illiteracy; and

(d) whether performance of these agencies has been reviewed, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALISHRAF FATMI): (a) As per Census 2001, the literacy rate of the country is 64.84% (75.26% for males and 53.67% for females). State-wise literacy rate is given in the Statement (See below/

(b) Grants sanctioned to various voluntary agencies in the country for undertaking literacy projects during the last three years are as under:

Year	Amount
2002-03	Rs. 22.01 crore
2003-04	Rs. 24.44 crore
2004-05	Rs. 18.18 crore

(c) and (d) The laiteracy programmes of National Literacy Mission are primarily implemented by Zilla Saksharta Samitis (District Literacy